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## New Rugs & Matting

The new "Gretchen" Rugs on exhibition in the windows last week have proven exceptional sellers, for the very good reason that they are exceptional values.

Well woven, serviceable, good patterns, low in price, and last but not least, they are washable.

27x36 inches.....75c 4x7 feet.....\$2.75 7 1/2 x 10 1/2 feet.....\$8.00  
30x60 inches.....\$1.00 6x9 feet.....\$5.50 By all means see these rugs.

Poster Rugs, woven much the same way as the Gretchen, but with a poster design on the border. 30x60 inches, \$2.25; 4x7 feet, \$5.50; 6x9 feet, \$9.00.

Crex Rugs are also washable. They're made from a tough prairie grass chemically treated, which is toughened & strengthened by an occasional application of water.

Full line of sizes, such as

18x36 inches.....35c 27x54 inches.....85c 4x7 feet.....\$2.50 6x9 feet.....\$4.00 9x12 feet.....\$7.50

Figured Japanese Matting Rugs— 6x9 feet.....\$2.25 9x12 feet.....\$3.50 9x12 feet.....\$4.50

Woven Japanese Matting Rugs, 75c.

All colors in China Matting, good weight, 20c yd.

Heavy China Matting, in checks, plaids & stripes, 28c yd—sells as a rule for 35c.

China Matting of the best quality, plaids, stripes & fine checks, 35c yd.

Prices quoted for Matting include laying.

The most complete assortment of floor coverings in Richmond is in this store—not all advertised to-day, but if there's anything you want not mentioned here ask for it in the department.

## BIG DAMAGE SUIT WON BY THE CITY

Federal Court Holds That It Had Right to Dynamite Hagan's Sunken Barge.

### WAS MENACE TO NAVIGATION

Judge Waddill Declares That City and Government Can Keep Harbors Clear.

Especially emphasizing the city's right to remove obstructions in its harbor which may prove a menace to navigation, Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., sitting in the United States Circuit Court, at noon yesterday rendered an opinion dismissing the suit brought by the city of Richmond by Peter Hagan, of Philadelphia, for \$10,000 damages. Hagan was owner of a barge loaded with coal that foundered and sank about a mile below the city in 1902.

Under its charter the city reserves the right to remove such obstructions. A notice of removal was given the owner of the barge, and when it failed to remove it, the city Attorney Pollard argued, had been done. The city Attorney argued that the city had the right to remove the barge, and therefore the municipal authorities had no right to sue.

City First Entered Suit. The barge in question sunk about several hundred yards below the dock and there was constant danger of collisions with it was reported by former City Engineer Cutshaw. Accordingly, the city entered suit yesterday.

Hagan was sued for \$100 by the city, but the State Supreme Court held that the city was entitled to recover expenses from the proceeds it might get from the debris of the sunken barge. As both were in the bottom of the river, the effort was made to raise them, and the case was dropped.

Judge Waddill sustained the point made by Mr. Pollard that the government and the city have the same constitutional right in such cases to clear the harbor of obstructions.

### CHARGE POLITICS

#### Fire Lines Changed by Ordinance

Protests continue to pour in against the action of the Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform last Friday night in altering the fire lines prescribed in the Building Code in two instances, and it is probable that the matter will be referred to the council for further hearing. The Building Code prescribes a certain area in the more thickly settled portions of the city in which frame construction is not to be erected.

The committee recommended to the council Friday night two exemptions to this requirement, the ground given being that the places in question were being ground, on which it would be desirable to secure foundations for brick houses, but over which frame houses might readily be built. The amendments affect the neighborhood at the intersection of Hancock and Catherine Streets and Belvidere and Green Streets and in both cases protests have come from adjoining property owners against the introduction of cheap wooden houses. In the committee, Chief Justice Joyner and Building Inspector Beck protested strongly against any infringement of the fire lines, Chief Joyner saying that they should be extended rather than reduced, while the building owners would only lead to one infringement, until the whole ordinance became valueless. The committee acted upon the matter later in executive session, when Chief Justice Joyner, who is alleged to be active in politics, wished the privilege of erecting frame houses at this point.

#### SENT OBSCENE MATTER TO RAILROAD OFFICIAL

Clara Moore (colored) was tried in the United States District Court to-day on several indictments for sending obscene matter to an employee of one of the local railroads. The charges are alleged, and the post-office inspectors have no doubt but that the woman will be convicted after a brief hearing.

## DARING JAP CLIMBS TO TOP OF HIGH SWAYING FLAG POLE

With His Big Toes Tied Together He Went Up 40 Feet Above Roof of American National Bank Building for Ten Dollars—Crowd Below Holds Its Breath.

Apparently as unconcerned as a squirrel going up the tallest tree in the city, the big Capitol Square trees, "Sarkee," an agile young Jap, yesterday morning, while a stiff breeze swayed a pole on top of the American National Bank building, climbed the slender rod and adjusted a cord at the very top. It was a daring feat, and hundreds of people in Main Street craned their necks and stood aghast as he returned safely to the roof.

Several days ago, while the Stars and Stripes were floating over the building, a cord broke, and since then no one has been found who would dare readjust the cord, which is worked by a pulley system. The Jap, who was offered \$10 was made by the bank officials to any one who would fix it, and yesterday morning Waddell Jackson, one of the colored elevator men volunteered.

He undertook the task at 10 o'clock and got within three feet of his goal, when dizziness overcame him. "The pole was shaking from side to side, and the wind was whistling around me," said the negro, "and I thought it best to come down. I knew there was any mishap I would be thrown to the granite floor, nearly 150 feet below." The nine-story building is 110 feet high and the flag pole adds forty feet more.

A janitor in a nearby office, who had heard of "Sarkee's" feat, was in climbing masts, while he was a sailor aboard a Japanese man-of-war, reported to the janitor at the bank that he could find a man willing to earn the money. The Jap, who has been employed for several years in a water tower, was sent for and readily agreed to climb the pole.

It took him but three minutes to earn the money. His first act was to remove shoes and socks, and after tying his big toes together, he started up. Not even those on the roof could tell exactly how the slender man contrived to "shin" up the stick; but that he did so will be attested by hundreds who saw it.

In honor of the Jap's daring the American flag was floated for an hour over the building after the rope was put in order. "Sarkee" stuck the \$10 in his trousers pocket, and went back to work in the packing-house as if climbing poles is one of the easiest things on earth.

## SAUNDERS CLAIM IS LAID ON TABLE

Through Editor Printer Delivered 120,000 Wood Tickets When Only 24,000 Were Needed.

The Committee on Relief of the Poor held a long session last night and disposed of much business, though the great portion of it was of a routine nature. The committee heard W. W. Wines, Jr., of the Virginia Hospital, and colored residents of North Fifth Street, who protested against the sale of the old colored almshouse property to the Hebrew Cemetery Company to be used as a burying ground.

A committee from the Hebrew Cemetery Company, consisting of Marx Gunst, Isaac Field and Isaac Cohen, appeared and petitioned for the site, explaining that it was adjacent to their place of business and was suitably located for the purposes of a cemetery and was badly needed for the burial of the poor. The matter went over without final action.

Bills and pay rolls came up next and these were approved, except a bill of Clyde W. Wines for \$12.14, for printing wood and coal tickets for the City Home. R. A. Hughes, the steward, stated that he had ordered only 24,000 of these tickets and the bill submitted called for 120,000. It was decided to table the matter and ask Mr. Saunders to appear before the committee at the next meeting.

The committee received an ordinance signed by Mayor Harrison authorizing the appointment of one extra trained nurse and four extra house nurses, and the superintendent was directed to appoint them as soon as practicable.

A subcommittee reported against any salary increases at this time, and the ordinance was recommended to the committee.

The committee recommended an increase in the insurance on the Colored Home from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and also decided to have two of its members to visit the home at regular intervals.

Those appointed for the first term are Jacob Umlauf and Dr. Frank M. Reads, their terms being, respectively, two and four months, when others will be named.

#### Renews Bond for Burke

Judge Waddill yesterday renewed the bond in the case against Frank P. Burke, who is under Federal indictment for stealing money from the mails. The sum is \$1,500, and the renewal a mere technicality.

## RICHMOND NURSE GOES AWAY TO WED

Left Virginia Hospital Sunday to Visit Friend in Newport News, and Won't Come Back.

Miss Mary Hillman Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Greene, of Richmond, and Frank Adelbert McMillan, of Portsmouth, were quietly married at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in Newport News, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. T. Church, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, that city, at the church parsonage. Charles C. Moss, brother-in-law of the bride, and Miss Frances Constance Steward, a close friend of Miss Greene, were bridesmaids.

Miss Greene, who has been a nurse at the Virginia Hospital for the past year, left Richmond Sunday afternoon and spent Sunday night with Miss Steward at her home in Newport News. She is expected to return to Richmond tomorrow.

The wedding came as a surprise to the guests, as it was not expected. Miss Greene here. The first news of the marriage received by her parents was contained in a telegram sent by the young couple immediately after the ceremony was performed.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan will make their home in Portsmouth, where he is employed in the drawing department of the navy yard.

#### PUSHING ROAD WORK

##### Captain Wilson is Pleased at Way People Are Working

Captain St. Julien Wilson, State Highway Commissioner, spent yesterday in his office at the Capitol transacting routine business and preparing to leave for Rockbridge, where he will be in charge of the road work. Recent applications are from the following counties: Hanover, three pieces of general road, three miles; Shenandoah, three miles; Rockbridge, around Buena Vista, and three miles in Botetourt, near Eagle Mountain.

With the progress of road building in the State, and is well pleased at the manner in which the new system of highway improvement is being carried out by the people. He is of opinion that the method enacted through the passage of the Withers-Last-Modified Road Law, and also decided to have two of its members to visit the home at regular intervals.

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#### Resume Ayers Case To-Day

The jury in the case of Thomas H. Ayers, plaintiff, against the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, will resume its deliberations in the United States District Court at 10 o'clock to-day. The Federal and Commonwealth cases are to be heard on Saturday, but it is believed some decision will be reached this morning. Ayers is suing for \$10,000, and alleges personal injuries.

#### Major Hatfield and Lieut. Round to Go Over Peninsula, Where They Fought in Former Days

Major Samuel P. Hatfield, of the army engineer's office in New York, is at Murphy's with his former army comrade and college classmate, Lieutenant George C. Round, of Manassas, Va. The major has a week's leave of absence, and he and his comrade are going over the McClellan Peninsula campaign, pursuant to a program mapped out some months since.

Major Hatfield and Mr. Round were with what was known as the McClellan siege train, which was carefully instructed and drilled at Arlington in the winter of 1861-2, and which began its labors at Yorktown and continued them in the Chickominy and at Malvern Hill. Later in the war the same organization had charge of all of the heavy artillery during the eleven months' siege of Petersburg and Richmond.

Major Hatfield was the ordnance officer, and had a depot at Broadway Landing, on the Appomattox, from which he supplied the batteries all along the line. At the end of the war he superintended the dismantling of all the works, both Federal and Confederate. The major says that he brought up the James River from United States arsenals 2,000 tons of iron, which he never carried back. He was promoted to the rank of Major in May, 1864. During the last forty years he has resided in the county of Prince William.

The two comrades first became known to each other at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., where in April, 1861, they were organized a company in the Connecticut regiment, which subsequently was selected by McClellan to manage his heavy artillery.

#### Vestry Elects Officers

At a meeting of the vestry of Emanuel Episcopal Church, Henrico county, last night the following officers were elected: Senior Warden, T. Crawford Reid; Junior Warden, J. S. Bryan; Register, H. C. Beattie; Treasurer, J. S. Bryan; Auditors, Thomas H. Reid, Emmet A. Shepherd and Thomas H. Reid; Delegates to Diocesan Council, J. S. Bryan; Alternate, T. Crawford Reid.

## MAYOR SIGNS ACT FOR ANNEXATION

Way is Now Open for Union of Richmond and Manchester.

### APPROVES MANY MEASURES

Large Volume of Street Improvements Included in Papers Signed.

Mayor Richardson yesterday signed the ordinance declaring the consolidation of Richmond and Manchester to be desirable and appointing a committee of conference. This puts the preliminary proceedings in tangible shape, so far as Richmond is concerned, and it now remains for the City Council of Manchester to appoint its committee of conference, as to the exact terms of consolidation.

The ordinance committee as named in the ordinance, consists of Aldermen Barton H. Grundy and William H. Adams, and Councilman E. H. Spence, A. S. Buford, Jr., and John F. Don Leavy.

#### Other Measures Approved

The Mayor also affixed his signature to the following measures: Appropriating \$99 to pay the registrar of First Lee Ward for changing the registration books.

Authorizing sidewalk paving on Allison and other streets at expense of property owners; also authorizing the paving of a large number of alleys at expense of abutting property owners.

Authorizing the issue of allegations for sidewalk and alley paving on Grove Avenue and other streets.

Resolving a paving bill to Thomas H. Street.

Establishing the profile and grade of R Street, from Twenty-second to Twenty-fifth Streets.

Resolving a paving bill to E. G. Gunn for paving bill.

Establishing curb lines on Thirty-fourth Street from Broad to P Streets.

Authorizing the construction of a large number of sewers on Twenty-sixth and other streets.

Paving Thirty-fourth Street.

Approving the award of contract to the Washington Asphalt Block and Company for the paving of Thirty-fourth Street, at \$2.27 per square yard.

Establishing the street line on the west side of Belvidere Street from Main to R Street.

Constructing a system of sewers on Oregon Hill.

Appropriating \$3,000 for advertising the city.

Refunding taxes to R. L. Van Deventer.

Refunding taxes to the Nineteenth Street Methodist Mission.

Refunding taxes to William H. Zimmerman on building pulled down.

Instructing the City Attorney to dismiss condemnation proceedings for the widening of the Hermitage Road from Broad to the corporation line on account of the exorbitant valuations.

Transferring Valley School property to the Street Cleaning Department at a site for the proposed incinerator.

Acquiring New Parks.

Instructing the City Attorney to acquire property for the enlargement of Riverside Park, and to acquire land for the opening of a park on Taylor's Hill, between twenty-first and Twenty-second Streets.

Authorizing the payment of a number of claims in the Grounds and Building Department.

Adding a chapter on grading and grading of a number of streets in the annexed territory, and for other street improvements.

Authorizing the Chesapeake and Old Railway to construct a spur track along the property of the McClellan Peninsula Campaign.

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Adding a chapter on concrete construction to the Building Code, providing a severe penalty for violations of its clauses.

Ordinance to prohibit the Building Inspector from granting a permit for any public stable without the consent of the Board of Health.

Ordinance creating a sinking fund for the portion of Henrico county debt assumed by the city at the time of the annexation.

Ordinance providing for additional nurses and employees at the Almshouse.

Ordinance to provide an insurance fund for the city of Richmond.

#### ENTERED A NONSUIT

##### Heath Did Not Press Case Against Street Car Company

The suit of E. G. Heath, the receiver of the Richmond Traction Company, called in the Law and Equity Court, was brought to a sudden termination yesterday morning, a result being entered by agreement of counsel without prejudice to the right of the plaintiff to enter another suit. Heath was a receiver of the Richmond Traction Company in September, 1907. He was working on an electric car line in the city of Richmond, at the corner of Eighteenth and Franklin Streets, when the car had stopped and taken on passengers, the motorman, who was a negro, and the car was without waiting for the conductor's signal, threw the conductor to the ground and seriously injured him. In his suit, Heath alleged negligence on the part of the company in employing an incompetent motorman.

#### TURPIN GETS FIVE YEARS

Thomas Seybold Pleads Guilty of Counterfeiting and Saves One Year by His Act.

Convicted on several different indictments of counterfeiting, Thomas Seybold was yesterday sentenced by Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., to four years in the Federal prison at Atlanta. He had been previously sentenced to five years, but his previous criminal record showed him to be a reformed character, and his character was good. He was a friend of the court, and his sentence was reduced to four years. He was also sentenced to five years for the manufacture of illegal coins, but evidence showed that he was a reformed character, and his sentence was reduced to four years. He was also sentenced to five years for the manufacture of illegal coins, but evidence showed that he was a reformed character, and his sentence was reduced to four years.

#### SENTENCE SUSPENDED

Parents Agree to Send John W. Donly to Laurel Reformatory.

## WATER METERS GIVE TROUBLE

Committee Desires Further Tests Before Awarding the Contract

After a long warfare last night over the report of a subcommittee to recommend the award of contracts for supplies in the Water Department, the full Committee on Water adopted the report, with the exception of the item in relation to water meters.

The subcommittee reported in favor of dividing the award between three bidders, the prices and quality of the goods offered by each being different. The subcommittee recommended the following distribution of the contract of the 1,000 meters needed: Five hundred Keystone at \$7.80; fifty Buffalo at \$7.34, and 450 Hersey at \$6.93.

Members of the full committee made many inquiries as to how the subcommittee had arrived at such a report, and a long discussion followed.

#### Fuller Gives Reasons

Chairman E. R. Fuller said that he and his colleagues, Messrs. Mills and Cutchins, had consulted with Superintendent Davis and that they had come to the conclusion that such a course was wise for several reasons, chief among them being that four of the bidders had submitted identically the same figures, which indicated the probability of an understanding or combination. They thought these tests should be no such condition of affairs, and should be broken up if it existed, so as to encourage fair and open competition.

The four bidders who were together in their prices are not among those named above, all their bids having been rejected.

The upshot of the discussion was that the item in the report relating to meters was tabled, and the three firms recommended by the subcommittee were requested to submit at once to Superintendent Davis new samples of their goods for thorough tests. The tests are to be made by Mr. Davis as soon as he is furnished with the meters, and then the committee will be called in special session for final action.

#### For Other Supplies

Contracts for other supplies in the department for the year were as follows:

H. B. Frischkorn, cast-iron pipe and special castings.

Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company, of Philadelphia, gate valves.

Smith-Courtney Company, Ludlow fire hydrants, not lowest, but considered most advisable.

Virginia-Carolina Supply Company, paragon brass goods.

William Kelly, Jr., for cutting and refilling pipe trenches.

Thomas A. Barry Company, for paving and renewing sewer-service connections and for repair work.

Mr. Cottrell brought up the complaints which are being frequently made concerning low water pressure on Dance Street, and it was recommended that the trouble be remedied at once.

Mr. Bennett got through a resolution providing that water connection be extended to the Davis Monument. This was offered at the request of the Davis Monument Association, so that the dust may be frequently washed from the monument, especially during the summer months, when there is so much driving in that section of the city.

#### WALDERMIR DASZKIEWICZ TO REST FOR THIRTY DAYS

Just a little more presentable from the hose than he was when he came into the fall Sunday afternoon from his slumbers on the public road, Waldermir Daszkiewicz appeared before Magistrate J. J. Wright yesterday morning to answer to the charge of trespass and carrying a concealed weapon. He talked volubly in the language of his kind, which might as well have been Greek to the officers of the law.

The flow of oratory had little effect, as the facts in the case were all on the other side. So taking care not to attempt to produce the name, Magistrate Wright gave the sentence of 30 days and costs for trespass and handing him thirty days for the privilege of walking the highway with a razor in his pocket. Very sorrowfully, Waldermir Daszkiewicz returned to his cell for a sojourn of thirty days.

## CLERKS EXCITED BY DENSE SMOKE

Fire Found in Elevator Shaft at Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company's Building.

Smoke poured through the upper stories of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company's office building at 11 South Twelfth Street shortly after noon yesterday, following the discovery of fire in the top of the elevator. The blaze is believed to have been caused from electric wires, and, although the damage is slight and the blaze was quickly extinguished, the smell of smoke caused seventy employees to leave their desks and run excitedly into the halls.

A colored elevator boy, who was going up in the elevator at the time, had the presence of mind to stop the carriage and to proceed at once to smother the flames.

His quickness probably averted a dangerous fire, as even though it was so slight an upward draft fanned the blaze, thus causing the rapid spread of smoke. The elevator was temporarily put out of commission, but within a few hours business proceeded as usual.

The fire department was not called. Several of those in the building started to go to the fire, but when they started down stairs they were greeted with the news that the fire had been put out and all danger of a spread averted. The building is five stories high, and is in a neighborhood where the houses are built close together.

## SECRETARY OF WAR HERE 20 MINUTES

Party Came from Old Point, Leaving for Charleston, En Route to Panama.

Secretary of War Jacob M. Dickinson spent twenty minutes in the city last night. No one except Major W. A. Miller, recruiting officer for the United States Army, who had been notified of his arrival, recognized him as the Secretary of War. The few minutes were taken up with making the transfer from the Chesapeake and Ohio train, which arrived here at 7 o'clock from Old Point, to the Byrd Street Station to catch the Atlantic Coast Line train for the South, which leaves at 7:20. This is the first stage of Secretary Dickinson's trip of inspection to the Panama Canal. In the party were Miss Edna Dwisley, of Chicago; Professor and Mrs. James Foss, of Louisville; Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Ewing, of Nashville; and Lincoln R. Clark, secretary to Mr. Dickinson. The party left Washington Sunday afternoon taking a boat to Old Point, where a visit was paid to Fort Monroe. It was expected that they would spend the night here, and Major Miller had made arrangements for their accommodation at the Jefferson Hotel. It was found, however, that there would be time enough to make the train South. Mr. Dickinson, therefore, decided to leave at once, so as to reach Charleston this morning. At noon to-day the party will board the United States yacht Mayflower for the trip to the isthmus. It is probable that the Mayflower will put in at Havana for a day on the trip down.

The departure of Mr. Dickinson for the canal marks the first step in the carrying out of the policy of President Taft that the members of the Cabinet shall make personal inspections of the public works under their supervision.

Secretary Dickinson expressed to Major Miller his regrets that he was not able to remain a short while in the city, and said that on the return trip he would, if possible, make it a point to stop here for a short while. He expects to be in Panama about three weeks.

## MANY DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Local Post Planning to Send Ninety to T. P. A. Meeting at Martinsville.

At a meeting last night, Post A, Travelers' Protective Association, appointed a committee to secure additional delegates to represent the post at the State convention, which will be held in Martinsville next Thursday and Friday. The meeting was largely attended and all of those present who could make the trip were elected delegates. This leaves a good many more to complete the full number to which the post is entitled.

The Martinsville post has made big preparations for the entertainment of the guests. After the first day's session and old Virginia dinner will be served. That night a banquet will be tendered by the Martinsville post and the citizens of Martinsville to the speakers, who will be Judge E. V. Saunders, of Franklin county, and Delegate Samuel L. Kelly, of this city.

Until time for the delegation to leave, Secretary H. L. Harwood will enroll any members of the post as delegates until the list of ninety, to which the organization is entitled, is completed. Those attending the convention may go either by way of the Norfolk and Western or the Southern, as quick connections can be made at Danville and Roanoke. The party from this city will return Friday night.

## J. D. EGGLESTON, JR.'S NARROW ESCAPE

Falls from Cab in Atlanta and Is Hurt—Talks of Great Industrial School.

Joseph D. Eggleston, Jr., State Superintendent of Public Instruction, had an experience in Atlanta last Wednesday which not only prevented him from attending the sessions of the Association of Southern State Superintendents and the annual Conference for Education in the South, which met on the same days, but which afforded him at the same time an opportunity for narrowly escaping serious injuries.

Mr. Eggleston was in the act of alighting from a cab in front of the Piedmont Hotel, where he stopped, when he slipped in some manner, wrenching his back severely. He was forced to take to his bed, where he remained for three days under the care of a physician.

"While I was prevented from attending the meetings," said Mr. Eggleston, in discussing the matter, after his return here yesterday, "I did see something in the State of Georgia which did me heart good from a standpoint of education and humanity. It was Miss Berry's Agricultural and Industrial School, near Rome, which is set apart exclusively for mountain boys from the States of Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. It was a revelation to me, and I am glad indeed that I visited it."

Mr. Eggleston says that the school was established seven years ago by Miss Berry, with only three boys in attendance, and that now there are 100 on the rolls, 150 more having been turned away at the opening of the present session.

The school is devoted to the training of poor boys in many lines of industry, and is kept up exclusively through gifts from persons interested in education and